Overseas operations by domestic airlines

902. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated its much-awaited "Civil Aviation Policy" with a view to ease the norms for launching overseas operations by domestic airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating, whether the Airports Authority of India is likely to be restructured; and

(c) whether the new Policy would also contain a "Vision–2020" document that would lay down a road map for aviation in the light of recent boom in this sector in country including giving of final shape to a policy to promote "merchant green-field airports"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The National Civil Aviation Policy is presently under consideration of a Group of Ministers (GoM).

Upgradation of airstrips

†903. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of different air strips proposed to be upgraded;

(b) the details of expenditure to be incurred for this purpose;

(c) whether his Ministry has received any suggestion regarding construction of some air-strips by State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Besides the four metro-airports and 35 non-metro airports, the following airstrips are proposed to be upgraded: Pantnagar, Kamalpur, Kailashahar, Passighat, Tezu, Along, Daparizo, Tura and Zero.

(b) Estimated expenditure for development of Pantnagar airport is Rs.37 crores. Expenditure involved in other airports is subject to preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of these airports.

(c) No specific suggestion for construction of new airstrip has been received from a State Government in the recent past.

(d) Does not arise.

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